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FOLLOWING ALGIERS 0933 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BAGHDAD
DAMASCUS KUWAIT NOUAKCHOTT RABAT TRIPOLI USUN APR 12;
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UNCLAS ALGIERS 0933

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TAGS: OREP, AG
SUBJECT: BLACK AMERICAN DELEGATION VISITS ALGIERS

REF: (A) ALGIERS 781 (NOTAL) (B) ALGIERS 783 (NOTAL) (C)
STATE 073546

1. DELEGATION OF FIVE AMERICANS, APPARENTLY TRAVELLING UNDER
AUSPICES OF INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN
WASHINGTON ON TRIP ORGANIZED BY ARAB LEAGUE, VISITED ALGERIA
FROM APRIL 7-10 AT INVITATION OF ALGERIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
MOHAMED KELLOU, CHAIRMAN OF ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE (AND AMB TO COMMUNIST CHINA) HOSTED GROUP'S
VISIT.

2. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WERE:
C. J. MCLIN, JR., MEMBER OF OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE
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HANNAH ATKINS, MEMBER OF OKLAHOMA STATE LEGISLATURE.
DR. ARCHIE HARGRAVES, PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF
SHAW UNIVERSITY.
DR. FRAN WOMACK, VICE PRESIDENT, INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
DR. URABI MUSTAFA, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL

STUDIES PROGRAM, SHAW UNIVERSITY.
WE INFORMED THAT CONGRESSMEN STOKES, DELLUMS, AND CONYERS ALL
CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE, LEAVING GROUP AT LOWER LEVEL THAN
ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED.

3. DR. HARGRAVES TOLD EMBOFF WHO WAS AT AIRPORT UPON
DELEGATION ARRIVAL PER STATE 073546 THAT VISIT TOOK PLACE
IN CONTEXT OF INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S
DESIRE TO ENLARGE BLACK AMERICA'S VIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

4. DURING ALGERIA STAY GROUP WENT TO CHARDAIA IN CENTRAL
ALGERIA FOR SIXTH ARTISANAL FAIR AND MET WITH COMMERCE
MINISTER YAKER WHO PRESIDED OVER EVENT.

5. GROUP ALSO HAD MEETING WITH POLISARIO DELEGATION,
INCLUDING SAHRAOUI REPUBLIC FOREIGN MINISTER HAKIM
IBRAHIM, APRIL 9. HANNAH ATKINS QUOTED IN PRESS AS
EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR SAHRAOUI PEOPLE'S PLIGHT, OPPOSING
AGGRESSION BY ONE PEOPLE AGAINST ANOTHER, AND NOTING THAT
DELEGATION'S PRESENCE IN ALGERIA SYMBOLIZED THIS
OPPOSITION SINCE SAHRAOUIS VICTIM OF AGGRESSION.
ATKINS ALSO REFERRED TO LACK OF INFORMATION
ON SAHRAOUI CAUSE IN US AND ATTRIBUTED THIS, IN
PART, TO AMERICAN PRESS WHICH, "THOUGH HAVING
REPUTATION OF BEING FREE, IS IN FACT CONTROLLED."

6. AS INSTRUCTED STATE REFTEL, EMBOFF OFFERED EMBASSY'S
ASSISTANCE, IF IT NEEDED, TO GROUP, STAYED OUT
OF SCHEDULING AND ATTENDED NO EVENTS IN WHICH GROUP PARTICIPATED.
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GROUP NEVER CALLED ON EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE AND EMBASSY
HAD NO CONTACT WITH GROUP AFTER ITS AIRPORT ARRIVAL. LYNE
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